# USA COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKET



USA SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

### AN ALTERNATIVE POST HIGH-SCHOOL PATHWAY

#### 2,500+ COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

#### 560,000+ STUDENT-ATHLETES

#### 3 GOVERNING Bodies

World-class education

Compete and train in state-of-the-art athletic facilities

Reduce or eliminate the cost of a valuable degree

Support network - coaches, nutritionists, physiotherapists, personal trainers, doctors, academic advisors, tutors

Personal development

Professional network

Travel

## ABOUT AC COLLEGE RECRUITMENT

AC College Recruitment was established by Amy Clifton, who graduated from Midwestern State University, Texas where she competed on a tennis scholarship. The positive experiences Amy had, as well as her passion about promoting opportunities through sport, were the catalyst behind AC College Recruitment.



Designed to provide clarity and help to young athletes looking to gain an athletic scholarship in the American Collegiate System, we offer a proactive and personalised approach to each athlete.

Founder, Amy Clifton

# OUR SERVICES

#### **Recruitment Strategy**

- Build a personalised and professional profile
- SAT preparation
- Organise a highlight video
- Set timelines and academic / athletic goals to best-fit colleges

#### Admissions

- College admissions
- Visa application
- NCAA clearance
- Advice on academic courses

#### Scholarship Negotiations

- Thorough analysis of each offer to ensure it is a right fit
- Education on communication etiquette with coaches
- Interview support

#### College Search

- Tailored college search targeting divisions and schools that best match the athlete's profile
- Coach outreach and connection

#### NCAA Compliance

- High school subject requirements
- Regular GPA calculations
- NCAA / NAIA eligibility centre registration

#### College Care

- Assistance throughout your college career
- College transfers
- Redshirt seasons
- Master degree opportunities



## OUR SERVICE PACKAGES

At AC College Recruitment, we offer a variety of service packages that assist athletes in pursuing their dream of attending college in the USA.

Knowing finances are one of the driving factors in the decision making process, we work with complete clarity about our costs and inclusions in each package.

\*\*All prices are in AUD.\*\*

#### COLLEGE PLACEMENT - \$5,000

The College Placement is our base package. The services included are listed below: **o Recruitment Strategy:** Creating a personalised profile, regular GPA calculations, highlight video, SAT preparation.

- o College Search: Tailored to make sure you find a college that is the best fit for you.
- o Admissions: College admissions, National Letter of Intent, Visa etc.
- o NCAA Compliance: Eligibility requirements, registration
- o Scholarship Negotiations: Thorough analysis of each, education on communication etiquette with coaches, practice interviews to instil confidence

#### COLLEGE PLACEMENT + SUPPORT - \$7,000

The College Placement + Support is our premium service package. This package includes everything in the College Placement, however, also includes the service below: **o College Care:** Assistance through your college career, college transfers (if you don't like your college, we will help you find a more suitable one), master's degree opportunities, redshirt seasons etc.

#### COLLEGE SUPPORT ADD-ON - \$3,000

The College Support Add-On service is for athletes that originally paid for the college placement but have decided they want the additional support, listed above, throughout their college career.

#### **COLLEGE TRANSFERS - \$2,000**

The College Transfer package caters towards those who are already in college but are not happy where they are at. It doesn't matter if you went through AC College Recruitment originally, or another agency, this is available to anyone that wishes to transfer universities.

# THE PROCESS

College athletic recruiting is a complex process filled with different rules to navigate. On top of this, no athlete's recruiting process looks the same - timelines are different depending on your sport, division level, college and program.

Below, we have broken it down into the four major milestones you will reach on your journey to help you gain a better understanding.



#### PROFILING

Gathering all relevant information to create a professional and personalised profile.



#### CONTACT

Sending out your profile to coaches after conducting a tailored college search targeting divisions and schools that best match the athlete's profile.



#### COMMITTMENT

Verbal offers will be made with deadlines to commit. Thoroughly analysing your offers to make sure it is a suitable fit will take place here.



#### ADMISSIONS

Signing your national letter of intent, organising visas, your 120 and university admissions.

### WHY AC COLLEGE RECRUITMENT?

- Former collegiate athletes
- Professional and proactive
- 100% success rate

- Large network of trusted connections
- Passionate and committed

Bill Conley, a former American footballer and College coach, wrote an article for ESPN in 2008 and I would like to use one of his paragraphs that I believe perfectly sums up why using AC College Recruitment is the next right step for you.

"Because of the time commitment, college coaches do not have the opportunity to recruit national or international talent in the depth and detail they would like. As a result, schools find recruiting areas, or pockets, where they have had success in the past and put their limited time into those places. Success breeds success, and players who have a positive experience at a college or university become the best salesmen to younger athletes from their high schools or geographical areas.

Over time, the college coach often establishes great relationships with these recruiters."

Those types of trusted relationships with schools and coaches are exactly what AC College Recruitment uses to connect our student-athletes with the best-fit colleges for them. Along side you every step of the way - from your initial consultation to walking across the stage receiving your diploma - AC College Recruitment is a trusted and supportive source.



#### When should I begin the process?

There are different timelines for each sport, division level and programs when it comes to recruitment, however AC College Recruitment sets a general recruiting timeline based on the advice of the NCAA which states that **YEAR 9** is the best time to start.

It is important to note that if you aren't 100% sure if you want to compete at a US University, or aren't aware of this pathway until later in your final year of school, it is of course okay to start the process at any stage!

#### How do I know if I'm eligible?

Through a free consultation, we assess your academics and athletic achievements in order to determine this.

#### What colleges do you work with?

We can get in contact with any school and don't have any special arrangements with specific universities. However, we will determine which schools you will be eligible for before contacting them.



#### What can I study in the USA?

You are able to choose any degree you want! Medicine, education, communications, dentistry etc. and we will always guarantee finding you a university that offers the degree you wish to pursue.

#### Will my degree be recognised outside of the USA?

#### YES!

For the most part, all degrees are recognised internationally, with some course exceptions which also depend on the country you want to use the degree in.

For example, if you want to study education in the USA and plan to return home to Australia to teach there are bridging courses that you will need to complete and pass before being allowed to teach.

#### Will I receive a full-ride scholarship?

Full-ride scholarships are very competitive, so this depends on your athletic ability and your academics. We tell all families they should expect to pay approximately US \$15,000 per year. If you qualify, we also work to get you an academic scholarship, so the cost is further reduced.



#### What support is available to me once I am in the USA?

AC College Recruitment provides ongoing care throughout your entire stay in the USA. This means that we can assist you with any concerns, visa issues, university transfers, injuries, or any other concern you may have.

Additionally, the USA Collegiate System is well equipped to provide support to student-athletes. There are academic advisors, tutors, athletic faculty, and foreign student services available to you as well as your coaches and medical staff.

#### Is there a difference between College and University?

The terms college and university are used interchangeably in the USA, leading to a lot of confusion! To put it simply, colleges don't offer anything above a bachelor's degree while universities offer postgraduate degrees as well as a bachelor's degree.

### Do you go through interview tips before speaking to coaches?

Absolutely. Once you arrange a zoom or call with a coach, we send you a list of questions to ask, common questions coaches ask, and reserach tips. You're free to ask us as many questions as you need so you can be fully prepared for your interview.



#### What if I get injured in the USA?

Injuries are to be expected with all athletes and coaches understand this. Any injury you sustain while competing or training in a school session will be covered by your international health insurance and the school's insurance.

There are full-time medical staff available at universities including doctor's, athletic trainers (physiotherapists), dentists and nurses. If you cannot be treated on campus and require surgery, the medical staff will help arrange everything for you.

#### What happens if I don't like my university or the USA?

We offer athletes the chance to transfer universities if they don't like their initial university for any reason.

If you are feeling homesick or simply don't feel like the USA is the right pathway for you, you are able to return home at anytime.

### What do you take into consideration when searching for colleges?

A few of the main things we take into consideration include: What you want to study, your high school GPA and/or grades, SAT or ACT score, what sport you will be playing, school size preference and your budget.



#### What are my chances of getting a scholarship?

We have a 100% success rate, so if you are successful in your initial assessment, there is a strong probability that you will receive offers for a scholarship.

We also offer a guarantee that if no scholarship is offered, due to our inability to find one, a full refund is provided. More information on this policy can be found in our Terms and Conditions.

#### What does a scholarship not cover?

Your scholarship will not cover: APPROXIMATE COSTS (AUD)

- SAT exam | S110
- Visa | \$500
- Flights to and from America | \$2,500
- Academic credential evaluation (if needed) | \$180
- Health insurance (90% of universities include health insurance, a handful don't) | \$600 per year
- Personal money (cinemas, social outings, holidays)



#### Which sports is this available for?

#### Men's (M)

Baseball (M) Gridiron (M)

#### Women's (W)

Beach Volleyball (W) Softball (W) Field Hockey (W) Flag Football (W) Basketball (M) (W) Cheerleading (M) (W) Cross Country (M) (W) Cycling (M) (W) Diving (M) (W) E-Sports (M) (W) Equestrian (M) (W) Fencing (M) (W) Football / Soccer (M) (W) Golf (M) (W) Ice Hockey (M) (W)

#### Men's & Women's

Lacrosse (M) (W) Rodeo (M) (W) Rowing (M) (W) Rugby (M) (W) Softball (M) (W) Swimming (M) (W) Tennis (M) (W) Track and Field (M) (W) Triathlon (M) (W) Volleyball (M) (W) Water Polo (M) (W) Wrestling (M) (W)

# INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION?

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